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### GENERAL INFORMATION:

This conference will follow the SAVE International conference (also at the Red Lion Hotel). The goal of the 1997 Federal Construction Value Engineering Conference is to promote the success of the Value Engineering methodology in all government agencies that have a construction mission. A wealth of ideas will be offered that all participants can integrate into their agency's programs.

The U.S. Departments of Defense and Interior are committed 1997 conference co-sponsors. Representatives of Agriculture, Energy, Environmental Protection, Veterans Affairs, and State have participated in past years, and are expected again. Registration will begin at 1200 hrs., May 7 and the joint-agency portion of the conference will close at 1000 hrs., May 9. Individual agencies will be responsible for their own meeting spaces from 1000 – 1200 hrs. on May 9. A field trip for everyone is being scheduled for the afternoon of May 9.

Lodging reservations at the special government rate of \$83 (includes tax) must be made individually by contacting the Red Lion Hotel-SEATAC (telephone: 206-246-8600). Reservations should be made as soon as possible because of heavy room demand (reservations can be canceled up to 1800 hrs. on the date of arrival if circumstances prevent attendance). There will be a \$50 conference fee.

If you have any questions or need further information, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Michael Holt, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (telephone: 202-761-8738; E-mail: michael.holt@inet.hq.usace.army.mil), or Mr. Kurt Gerner, Department of Interior (telephone: 202-208-5399, e-mail: kgerner@ios.doi.gov).

## Preliminary Agenda

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Wednesday, May 7

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| 1200 | Registration/Informal Networking                                                                                                                                                         |
| 1300 | Welcome/Recognition of New Agencies/Introductions                                                                                                                                        |
| 1330 | Opening Comments/ OMB Circular A-131/Office of Federal<br>Procurement Policy Act, <i>Mr. Steven Kelman</i> /Mr. David Muzia<br>Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC (Invited) |
| 1400 | Department of Defense VE Program, <i>Mr. Millard Carr</i> , Director,<br>Energy and Engineering, U.S. Department of Defense                                                              |
| 1430 | Department of Interior VE Program, <i>Mr. Mike Kaas</i> , Director, Office of Managing<br>Risk and Public Safety, HQ, U.S. Department of Interior                                        |
| 1500 | BREAK                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 1530 | U.S. Army Corps of Engineers VE Program,<br><i>Mr. Michael Holt</i> , Acting Chief, Value Engineering Office,<br>HQ, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers                                        |
| 1600 | Value Engineering Process Improvements,<br><i>Mr. Jerry Kaufman</i> , J.J. Kaufman & Associates                                                                                          |
| 1630 | Bureau of Reclamation VE Update, <i>Dr. Francis G. McLean</i><br>U.S. Department of Interior                                                                                             |
| 1700 | Closing Comments                                                                                                                                                                         |

Thursday, May 8

- 0800 Value Engineering and the Environment (AKA Fill the Empty Folder),  
*Mr. John K. Vogel, P.E.*, Value Engineer, Baltimore District,  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- 0830 VE Activities in the Department of State,  
*Mr. Fred Suhm*, HQ, U.S. Department of State
- 0900 VE Success in Family Housing, *Mr. Al Ellinwood*,  
Value Engineering Officer, Norfolk District,  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- 0930 VE Protects a Cultural Treasure, *Messrs. Eugene A. Degenhardt, P.E., CVS,*  
*and Ronald W. Burkhard, P.E.*, Value Engineering Officers, St. Louis  
District and Mississippi Valley Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers,  
Respectively
- 1000 BREAK
- 1030 OVEST Activity Update, *Mr. Martin Bandy*,  
Chief, Office of Chief of Engineers Value Engineering Study  
Team (OVEST), U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- 1100 Capital Budget Projects–VE Successes,  
*Mr. Harvey Childs, AIA*, State of Washington
- 1130 New York District VE Success, *Mr. Jeff Frye*, Value Engineering Officer,  
New York District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- 1200 LUNCH
- 1300 VE for Southeast Louisiana Flood Control – From Reconnaissance Study to  
Fast-Track Construction, *Mr. Frank Vicidomina*, P.E., Value Engineering Officer,  
New Orleans District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- 1345 VDOT Saves Over \$100 Million in VE Since 1990,  
*Mr. Ron Garrett, CVS* Virginia Department of Transportation

Thursday, May 8 (Continued)

1430 BREAK

1500 OPEN FORUM, VE Program Management/New VE Programs  
*Mr. Kurt Gerner*, U.S. Department of Interior  
*Mr. Michael Holt*, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers  
*Mr. Tim Karcher*, CVS, U.S. Army Industrial Operations Command,  
Rock Island Arsenal, Illinois  
*Ms. Jill Woller*, Office of Management & Budget, New York

1630/1700 Closing Comments/CLOSE FOR DAY

Friday, May 9

0800 – 1000 Facilitation Skills Workshop, *Ms. Claudette Elliott*,  
Special Assistant for Change Initiatives, Seattle District,  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

1000 – 1200 Individual Agency/Service Meetings

1200 – 1300 Lunch

1300 – 1700 Field Trip, Hiram Chittenden Lock, Seattle, WA

NOTE: All attendees should bring current office symbol, address, commercial telephone number, facsimile number, and e-mail address to the conference for registration purposes. This information will be included in the conference minutes as a handy reference for your use.